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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday, the 25th April 1962.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Class hatred

*9 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the action taken during the last three years or proposed to be taken by the Government against persons who preach class hatred against Brahmin priests, under the Criminal Law?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister): During the last three years prosecutions were launched in respect of objectionable speeches and writings which involved either the wounding of religious feelings or promotion of class hatred. They included five cases where religious feelings of Hindus were wounded and hatred against Brahmins as a priestly class was preached.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Have the officers of the C.I.D. ever reported the speeches of Mr. E. V. R. Naicker, Leader of the Dravida Kazhagam, asking his audience to indulge in violence against a particular community?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, the first part of the question is confidential. Government cannot give information as to what the C.I.D. reports are and on whom they reported. As far as the second part of the question is concerned, if it is found objectionable, prosecutions are launched.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR: Do they, the Brahmin priests, administer to the souls of the dead, I ask?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: How can I answer?

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Is it a fact that the Government have given instructions to the officers of the C.I.D. to report only the speeches made by people who are opposed to the ruling party? Are there any secret instructions?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: The hon. Member's question itself is untenable. He asks whether any secret instructions have been given. Instructions, if they are secret, won't be divulged.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR: I would like to know whether the questioner believes in the souls of the dead.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: One hon. Member cannot put a question to another hon. Member.

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MR. CHAIRMAN : The hon. Member cannot ask another hon. Member to answer the question.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : I only ask the Chair.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Chair does not answer such questions.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : சட்டமன்றத் தலைவர் அவர்களே, ஆளும் கட்சியைச் சேர்ந்த பேச்சாளர்கள் இப்படிப்பட்ட வகுப்பு வாதக் கருத்துக்களை மேடையில் பேசுகிறார்கள் என்பது சி.ஐ.டி. இலாகா மூலமாக அமைச்சருக்கு வந்திருக்கிறதா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : எந்தக் கட்சிக்காரர்கள் வகுப்புவாதத்தைத் தூண்டினாலும், அவர்கள்மீது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படும்.

SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR : சி.ஐ.டி. ரிபோர்ட் ஆளும் கட்சிக்கு ஏதாவது உண்டா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I said, 'I cannot answer this question because it is confidential'.

SRI K. RAMADASS : அராஜகத்தைத் தூண்டுகிற அளவுக்கு அரசியல் கட்சிக்காரர்கள் பேசியிருந்தால், அவர்கள்மீது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : வகுப்புவாதத்தைத் தூண்டுகிறவர்கள்மீது என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டது என்பது கேள்வி. அதற்குப் பதில் சொல்லும்போது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டது என்று சொல்லியிருக்கிறேன். அராஜகத்தைத் தூண்டியதற்கு விவரம் வேண்டுமென்றால், தனியாகக் கேள்வி கேட்டால் கொடுக்கப்படும்.

Public meetings

* 10 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government receive periodical reports from C.I.D. about the speeches made at public meetings;

(b) whether the Government have received any report about the speech or speeches made by any person in which class hatred is preached ; and

(c) if so, the action taken, if any?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (a) to (c) Objectionable speeches are brought to the notice of Government and suitable action is taken where necessary.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, in how many cases did the Government take suitable action against persons who perpetrated these things?